

1 **May 23, 2023**

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 President Acosta called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

5 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

6 **ROLL CALL:**

7 **Present:** Directors Acosta, Egkan, Munson, Pike and Shaw

8 **Absent:** None

9 **Staff Present:** Chief McReynolds, General Counsel Steinke, Special Counsel James, D/C MacMillan,
10 Finance Manager Juul, FM Fieri, IT Specialist Swanger, B/C Krumwiede, MSO Murphy, Board Clerk
11 Canpinar, and members of the public and association.

12 **A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED FOR MARY GALLINA.**

13 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

14 Chief McReynolds notified the Board pages 25 and 26 of the Board packets reflected incomplete
15 data, were added in error and requested their removal from the packet; there were no objections.

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17 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

18 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Acosta inquired if there were any public comments regarding
19 items not on the agenda. Joe Beyer stepped to the podium and introduced himself to the Board. Mr.
20 Beyer expressed gratitude to NCFPD staff for their professionalism and for always remaining vigilant
21 while serving the community. President Acosta and Chief McReynolds thanked Mr. Beyer for taking
22 the time to address the Board.

23 President Acosta then inquired whether there were any additional public comments regarding
24 items not on the agenda. FF/PM Cain stepped to the podium and introduced himself to the Board as
25 a member of the Firefighter's Association. FF/PM Cain invited the Board to an upcoming fundraiser
26 being held at Mountain Mike's Pizza. The event will help the Fallbrook Firefighter's Association raise
27 funds for the Burn Institute and help them advance in this year's Demolition Derby. President Acosta
28 and the rest of the Board thanked FF/PM Cain for the invitation.

30 President Acosta inquired whether there were any additional public comments regarding
31 items not on the agenda. There being no more public comment, the public comment section was
32 closed.

33 2. **RECOGNITION OF RETIREE - ENGINEER BRUCE MOORE:** Chief McReynolds recognized and
34 thanked Engineer Bruce Moore for his 29-year career with NCFPD.

35 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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37 3. **THERE WERE NO DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE MAY 23, 2023, BOARD MEETING.**

38 **ACTION AGENDA**

39 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

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41 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2023.**

42 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2023.**

43 6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

44 1. Job Description: Deputy Fire Chief

45 7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT.**

46 President Acosta inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 4-7. There
47 being no discussion, President Acosta asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a
48 motion by Director Pike seconded by Vice President Egkan, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda
49 passed unanimously.

50 **ACTION ITEMS:**

51 8. **SAN DIEGO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED REDEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD ELECTION:** Chief
52 McReynolds introduced the LAFCO Redevelopment Oversight Board election item, and requested the
53 Board consider whether they would like to submit a ballot for either Tim Robles of Lakeside Fire
54 Protection District or Patrick Sanchez of Vista Irrigation District. Vice President Egkan indicated he
55 would like to support candidate Tim Robles. On a motion by Vice President Egkan seconded by
56 Director Munson, the motion to submit a ballot voting for Tim Robles of Lakeside Fire Protection District
57 to the San Diego Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board passed unanimously.

58 9. **DISTRICT FACILITIES REPLACEMENT PLAN:** Chief McReynolds reviewed the current District
59 Facilities Plan and explained how recent increases in revenue and grant funding have allowed capital
60 facility projects to commence ahead of schedule, addressing years of deferred maintenance. Board
61 discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Pike seconded by Director Shaw, the motion to approve
62 the amended District Facilities Replacement plan, preliminarily allocating \$1,119,450.00 in the FY 23/24
63 budget toward ongoing facility capital improvements, passed unanimously.

64 10. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN MAY 23, 2023 (5:05 P.M.) – ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2023-**
65 **06 ESTABLISHING A MULTI-YEAR FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT PLAN FOR THE FIRE MITIGATION FEE (FMF)**

66 **PROGRAM:** Chief McReynolds presented Resolution 2023-06 to the Board, noting it is a requirement of
67 the FMF Program. Chief McReynolds advised the Board the County recently conducted a “NEXUS”
68 Study to determine the appropriate fees for each San Diego County Fire Protection District and
69 explained how the newly combined participation/CIP resolution will be the County standard moving
70 forward, with the new fee schedule effective July 1, 2023. Director Munson said the County’s method
71 of calculating fees has improved. President Acosta inquired whether there was any public comment.
72 There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. On a motion by Director Munson
73 seconded by Vice President Egkan, the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06 establishing a multi-year
74 facilities and equipment plan for the fire mitigation fee program passed unanimously.

75 11. **RESOLUTION 2023-07 FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY:** Chief
76 McReynolds explained what the Fire Districts Association of California Employment Benefits Authority
77 (FDAC EBA) is and how it is the vehicle which administers health and welfare programs for employees
78 of public agencies. The FDAC EBA has merged with the Fire Agencies Self Insurance System (FASIS)
79 to form the Fire Risk Management Services Joint Powers Authority (FRMS JPA). Chief McReynolds
80 advised the Board in order to continue to participate in this newly formed employee health and welfare
81 program, FRMS JPA, an approved District Resolution is required. On a motion by Vice President Egkan
82 seconded by Director Pike, the motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 to participate in the FRMS JPA
83 passed unanimously.

84 12. **CAL FIRE DOZER FACILITY PROPERTY LEASE:** Chief McReynolds informed the Board that Cal
85 Fire approached NCFPD regarding a potential land lease at the Station #3 property for a facility to
86 house a firefighting dozer. Cal Fire is housing a CA State firefighting dozer at the Rainbow Fire Camp

87 at the far east end of Rainbow Heights, however, the remote location of the camp hinders response
88 times. Director Egkan asked if Cal Fire would assist with the cost of construction. Chief McReynolds
89 explained that Cal Fire would consider pursuing a contract where NCFPD would front the cost of the
90 construction of the facility and the state would then fully reimburse the District. Director Pike asked if
91 funding is currently available to support this project, to which Finance Manager Juul indicated there is.
92 Board discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Pike seconded by Director Shaw, the motion to
93 direct Staff to explore a facility lease agreement to house a firefighting dozer at the Station #3 property
94 with Cal Fire passed unanimously.

95 **13. PUBLIC PROVIDER GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION INTER GOVERNMENTAL**
96 **TRANSFER (PP-GEMT-IGT):** Chief McReynolds provided a background on the Ground Emergency
97 Medical Transportation Certified Public Expenditure (GEMT-CPE) program, which is a state subsidy
98 that provides additional funding for Medi-Cal patients. The California Dept of Health Care Services
99 (DHCS) has created a new program to replace GEMT-CPE called the Public Provider Ground
100 Emergency Medical Transportation Inter Government Transfer program (PP-GEMT-IGT). This new
101 program requires participating agencies to contribute funding; the District would need to contribute
102 \$369,700.00 for FY 23. Medical Services Officer Murphy explained to the Board that after the District's
103 contribution, a participation reimbursement of approximately \$795,000.00 would be provided. Director
104 Pike asked if this is an annual fee, to which Medical Services Officer Murphy responded there would
105 be 3 payments this year, and the following year's payments would be quarterly. Director Egkan asked
106 if the 3 payments would total the sum of \$369,700.00, which Finance Manager Juul confirmed. Board
107 discussion ensued. On a motion by Director Munson seconded by Director Egkan, the motion to
108 authorize agency participation in the PP-GEMT-IGT program passed unanimously.

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110 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

111 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** There was no legal counsel report for the May 23, 2023, Board
112 meeting. Chief McReynolds asked the Board if they would like to continue to see legal counsel reports
113 from General Counsel Steinke. Director Pike indicated interest in continuing to receive legal counsel
114 reports as long as they are related to fire district business; there were no objections.

115 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Information only; no action required.

- 116 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** Information only; no action required.
- 117 ● **COMMENTS:** Information only; no action required.
- 118 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**
- 119 ● **KEITH McREYNOLDS, FIRE CHIEF:** Chief McReynolds informed the Board of the following
- 120 items:
- 121 ○ The June Board meeting will include the Preliminary Budget.
 - 122 ○ The County of San Diego “Hi Lo” program is now in effect. Sheriff’s vehicles now have
 - 123 a high-low siren that when activated indicate an immediate necessary evacuation is
 - 124 required for all residents. Messages will be broadcast simultaneously.
 - 125 ○ The San Diego County Annual Wildland Drill was held May 1-3.
 - 126 ○ Fire School will start in June. Training will take place there, which the Board is
 - 127 welcome to observe.
 - 128 ○ The NCFPD website has been switched to a .GOV domain effective today. The new
 - 129 website is www.ncfireca.gov. The previous website, www.ncfire.org, will automatically
 - 130 forward to the new .GOV domain.
 - 131 ○ A local Sheriff’s Deputy was awarded a Spirit of Courage award by the Burn Institute
 - 132 for pulling an individual out of a burning car.
 - 133 ○ There will be a memorial service for Mary Gallina on May 31 at 2 p.m.
 - 134 ○ The Station 2 dedication is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m.
- 135 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: BOARD CLERK CANPINAR:** Board Clerk Canpinar confirmed
- 136 with the Board that August 22, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. a Brown Act workshop will be held with General
- 137 Counsel Steinke at the Fallbrook Public Utility District offices, and also requested the Directors send
- 138 any Bio updates they would like to see added to their profile on the NCFPD website. **F/M FIERI:** F/M
- 139 Fieri reported that defensible space inspections will begin June 1, with a focus on the LRA; parcels
- 140 that have not cooperated in the past will be investigated. State mandated inspections are complete.
- 141 Homeless encampments continue to be a concern, as transient activity increases the potential for
- 142 unintentional wildfires. There was a new red tag on Sage Road, an existing red tag on Spanish Spur
- 143 and transient activity continues to be an issue at El Jardin restaurant. Chief McReynolds thanked FM
- 144 Fieri and Arson Investigator Van Lingen for their continued efforts. Director Pike asked F/M Fieri how

145 transient activity is handled. F/M Fieri advised the Board that once law enforcement is aware of the
146 activity, the fire department makes the first contact with the individuals to find out their needs and
147 then Sheriffs determine which County services to offer that would be of help. **D/C MACMILLAN:** D/C
148 MacMillan provided an update to the California Fire EMS Disaster (CFED) conference. Highlights
149 included new technology that will use weather-based software to assist with determining fire patterns,
150 hospital discussions with a focus on improving wall times, and a presentation on the PP-GEMT-IGT
151 program.

152 ● **BOARD: DIRECTOR PIKE:** Director Pike discussed his and Director Shaw's recent attendance
153 at the FDAC Leadership conference, and recommended senior staff and Directors consider
154 attending, as it was a valuable learning experience. **VICE PRESIDENT EGKAN:** Vice President Egkan
155 announced his upcoming graduation celebrating his political science degree. Congratulations!

156 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** There was no comment from the bargaining groups.

157 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no additional public comments.

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CLOSED SESSION

160 At 6:10 p.m., President Acosta inquired whether there was a motion to adjourn to Closed Session.

161 There being no objection, President Acosta read the items to be discussed in Closed Session and

162 Open Session was closed. A short break ensued after the reading of the Closed Session items. At

163 6:20 p.m. the Board entered Closed Session to hear:

164 **CS-1. ANNOUNCEMENT – PRESIDENT ACOSTA:** An announcement regarding the items to be
165 discussed in Closed Session will be made prior to the commencement of Closed Session.

166 **CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODE §54957) – CHIEF**

167 **McREYNOLDS**

168 **CS-3. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – PRESIDENT ACOSTA:**

169 ● **REOPENING OPEN SESSION:**

170 On a motion by Director Pike seconded by President Acosta, which passed unanimously, the Board

171 returned to Open Session at 6:51 p.m. and the following items were reported out to the public:

172 **CS-2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODE §54957) – CHIEF**

173 **McREYNOLDS:** There was no reportable action.

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ADJOURNMENT

176 A motion was made at 6:52 p.m. by Director Pike seconded by Vice President Egkan to adjourn the
177 meeting and reconvene on June 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., which motion carried unanimously.

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179 Respectfully submitted,

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181 *Mavis Canpinar*

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183 Board Clerk

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185 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: June 27, 2023

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